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In re: H. Thorp et al.
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For: *ELECTROCHEMICAL DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION*

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the specification:

Page 1, after the title, please insert: "This application is a divisional of pending application Serial No. 09/603,217 filed June 26, 2000, which is in turn a divisional application of Serial No. 09/179, 665, filed October 27, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,132,971, which is in turn a divisional application of Serial No. 08/667,338, filed June 20, 1996, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,871,918, which is in turn a Continuation-In-Part of and claims priority from provisional application Serial No. 60/016,265, filed April 19, 1996 and which claims priority from application Serial No. 08/495,817, filed June 27, 1995 (converted to provisional application Serial No. 60/060,949, filed June 27, 1995), the disclosures of all of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-30, 40-137, 145-147, and 150-151, without prejudice or disclaimer.

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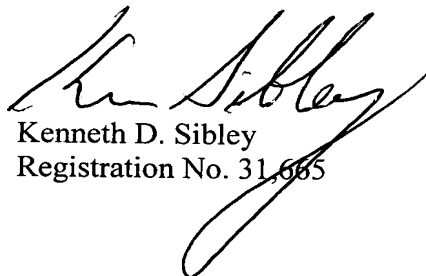
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REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

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